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ACHIEVEMENTS 1995



SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DIVISION OF GENERAL STUDIES BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

APPRECIATING SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE By Dennis Grecco The Class of 1995

Several years ago, an old friend and colleague, John Bassolino tried to convince me to return to school to finish my undergraduate work. His enthusiasm about being selected to join the teaching staff at St. Joseph's did little to dissuade my skepticism. After all, I had an extremely demanding job, family obligations, and social commitments. Was I to somehow manipulate schoolwork around an already overbearing schedule? The answer, of course, was yes; and I would soon discover that each of my fellow students somehow functioned under similar circumstances.

After receiving blessings from my wife and employer, I proceeded through the doors of 245 Clinton Avenue. Having prior experience with only large universities, I was poised for an impersonal conversation with a disinterested counselor. Fortunately, my low expectations vanished the moment I met Linda Fonte. She was genuinely concerned about my future, the direction I was seeking, and the concerns I had about returning to school. I sensed that same feeling from all those I met that day at St. Joseph's. More importantly perhaps, is that three years later those same feelings remain.

The past three years have been the most demanding of any period in my life. Hotel rooms, shuttle buses, airline terminals, and restaurants have acted as temporary study areas. Nights and free time have been dedicated to schoolwork. Routine home maintenance and related projects have been deferred. Family and social activities are

planned around midterms, finals, and other assignments. The entire experience at St. Joseph's, however, has been personally stimulating and professionally rewarding. Newly learned concepts and ideas have found their way into practical applications at work, as well as serving to revitalize my thought processes. I would like to think I am solely responsible for all of my educational growth and development these past few years, but that is not the case.

Great credit must be given to the entire staff and support personnel at St. Joseph's for successfully creating an environment conducive to learning. To Bob Dunn, Dan Beni, Tom Napolitano, Nick Nicholas, Debra Freedman, Suzanne Trappier and Clarence Stanley, my sincere appreciation for their support and friendship. To Mike Mauro, K.C. Best and Hugh Snow, thank you for pushing me beyond what I thought was possible. Thank you, Harry Gaffney, for intuitively editing my breezy work with a red pen. A special thanks to Eileen Mullen for redirecting my son back to school ... he is alive and well at Brooklyn College. It would not have been possible without John and Linda; all my love and appreciation for your constant support.

To those students who preceded me, thank you for breaking in the staff. To those who follow, I hope to return to St. Joseph's in two years to help inspire you. To my fellow overachieving classmates, thank you for openly sharing your knowledge, experience, and friendship. Thank you, Lorraine, for tolerating the moods, deadlines, and social absenteeism of our lives the past several years. Please rest your fingers, I still have two years to go! Finally, thank you, St. Joseph's, for allowing me to reach some of my potential.



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To The Graduates of the Class of 1995:

The accomplishment of graduation is made tangible through such objects as diplomas, tassels, and yearbooks. A yearbook is singular in this regard, insofar as it provides a permanent record of all those persons — students, faculty, and staff — who were part of the undergraduate experience. Page after page of photographs underscores that education is an experience both human and humane. It is human in that it is a process whereby people, both alone and in collaboration, advance and impart knowledge — a process that has endured for millennia.

Education is humane in that the knowledge passed through the generations has the effect of lifting us out of the shadows of our ignorance and prejudice. In so doing, it brings us to a truer understanding of ourselves and the human predicament — a realization that promotes compassion, sympathy, and consideration for others.

So as you turn the pages of *Achievements 1995*, be mindful not only of your laudable accomplishment but also of those who supported your efforts, including family and friends without whom little is possible and even less has meaning

A special thanks is in order to Daniel Beni and Sister Carole Lessard for all they have done to make this year's *Achievements* such a success. Thanks, also, to Suzanne Trappier for encouraging students in the preparation of this enduring memento. Their words and support have enhanced the project greatly.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Thomas G. Travis, Dean Division of General Studies



Daniel Beni Preceptor in Health Administration and Achievements Coordinator

To the Graduates of 1995,

Congratulations on the achievement of your baccalaureate degree. This accomplishment - a notable achievement itself - is especially meaningful since it was earned by so many of you while maintaining and advancing in full-time professional careers and managing the demands of a family. I pay tribute to your intellect, energy, and perseverance in attaining one of life's important goals.

This year I wish to thank graduates Ivan Davidson, Wendy Bostic, Angela Diaz, Dennis Grecco, Robert Hyman, Monica Johnson, Bibi Kassim, Phyllis Miller and Lavern Reid for contributing writings to this issue of Achievements. Their words totally document the special struggles and unique rewards of being an adult learner.

Once again, I want to extend appreciation to Sister Carole Lessard for providing administrative support, and Sadie McMillian for "signing-up" graduates for their yearbook portraits.

In closing, I extend best wishes to the graduates of 1995. May your achievements be bright and bold and your memories of your college days with us remain strong for years to come.

Cordially,

Daniel Beni

I'M GLAD I WAS HERE ...

By John Pinto The Class of 1995

It was in 1989 that the New York City Police Commissioner required college credits for all future promotees. This was very upsetting to many officers who became cops because of the excellent career opportunities, which at the time mandated only a high school diploma. The new requirement was that promotees must obtain the following college credits: Sergeant 64, Lieutenant 96, Captain, a baccalaureate degree. This was the one and only factor in making my mind up to return to school.

In September of 1991 I enrolled at St. Joseph's College and began the slow painstaking process of attending sessions all day Saturday. Those classes ended, and I started new ones. With each new transcript more and more credits appeared, more requirements were met, and I was closer to my goal. My objective was just like everyone else's: a baccalaureate degree.

For myself, a college degree was something that I had given up on long before. I attended another college after graduating from high school in 1978, and just one semester later I had thrown in the towel to become a meat cutter at Waldbaum's supermarket. After I had taken Police Officer examinations, I easily forgot about college and began my police career with the NYC Housing Police Department.

St. Joseph's offered an attractive program which I jumped into, and have had absolutely no regrets. These past four years have been very enriching. I have made many friends here. Staff and students are all fantastic and will be greatly missed. It's not easy to go back more than a decade after leaving: I have a wife, two children, a mortgage and everything else that comes with ten years of marriage. This has not been a breeze I now understand the college mentality. It's not just taking a bunch of classes required for a degree; it has to do with sacrifices, which are not only financial; but also personal; sacrificing time that could be spent with family. The whole college experience is about maturity, learning how to manage time, and how to deal with people.

I am glad I made it. It all boils down to a bittersweet feeling. On one hand, I'm happy it's over and done; however, I will miss the friends and the atmosphere at St. Joseph's. So, good luck to all of my friends at St. Joseph's and best wishes to all past, present, and future graduates in your studies, careers, and lives. Remember, you can't put a price tag on education.

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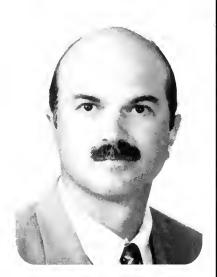
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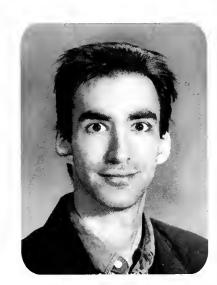
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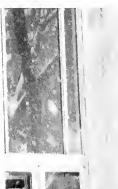
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THANK YOU SAINT JOSEPH'S

By Angela M. Diaz The Class Of 1995

My decision to attend St. Joseph's College was one of the best I have ever made. I have become a professional here at St. Joseph's.

Along with my classes here, I have also had the pleasure of working at the General Studies office. Through the years I have adopted the staff as my family. I thank them all for encouraging me to continue my education, for without their support, I would not be graduating today.

St. Joseph's College has taught me to be loyal and dedicated to people, to work and to my education. I have learned to never stop striving to attain my goals, despite life's struggles.

It is a great feeling of accomplishment to know that I have attained a quality education and I am fortunate, for that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

An Effective College Education By Ivan Davidson The Class of 1995

My time at St. Joseph's College has been both rewarding and enjoyable. The professors imparted a wealth of knowledge, with enthusiasm and commitment. This has helped me to set short and long term goals reflective of my interests and talents.

Prior to attending St. Joseph's, I was merely going through books and newspapers, with little motivation to critically evaluate what I read. Today, I am an active problem solver, a critical thinker, and overall, a more fully self - actualized individual, better able to utilize language to express my thoughts clearly. This effective college education has led to the mastery of information and skills, the acquisition of new insights and a heightened maturity. I am immensely proud of these accomplishments.

St. Joseph's College has provided me with a short but enjoyable learning experience. I love the fact that the setting is small, which allows for a more personal touch between professors and students.

I have made some good friends here. Everyone is so friendly and helpful from the Dean to the receptionist. The professors that have inspired me the most are Professor Greatheart for her humor, wit, and teaching style; and Professor Leavitt for his helpful thoughts on graduate schools and a future profession to pursue, as well as his parties on the last day of his classes.

I am proud to have been a student here and the only regret that I have is that I didn't come here sooner. I found out about St. Joseph's college while working at a Diagnostic and Treatment Center where I met several people who attended here. The school was highly recommended to me. That's when I decided to major in Health Administration, since I saw great potential in this field. I have no doubt that I will be able to take what I have learned here at St. Joseph's and apply it. I won't let St. Joseph's down.

Monica Johnson The Class of 1995

THE SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPERIENCE By Wendy Bostic The Class Of 1995

I wasn't afraid of challenge although at times I did become somewhat nervous. I knew I was prepared to enter and experience a phase of higher learning which would enable me to be ready to attain further achievements.

Education as an experience is not just having one's name printed on a piece of paper. We all know collectively as adults that the real purpose is to experience the enrichment of the mind, to become a critical thinker, and to build a confidence that is unshakable.

As a serious individual, I have always been intense about my life and the direction I want to take it. I have always desired intellectually to empower myself within so I could, in turn, offer myself something better and greater.

I wanted to learn new and exciting concepts and to strengthen myself mentally, but I needed an institution that would assist me in the endeavor. Saint Joseph's was that institution. Saint Joseph's kept seeding me as my hunger for achievement and determination grew stronger. I totally believe I have been permanently nourished.

This is my St. Joseph's experience, for I am no longer famished.

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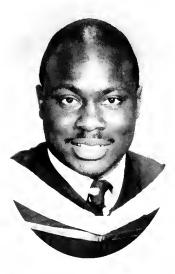
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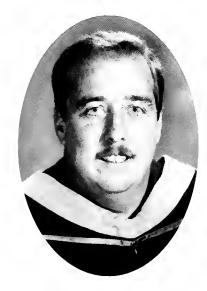
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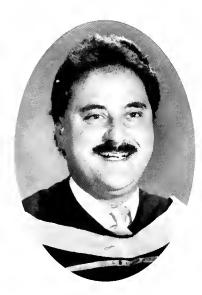
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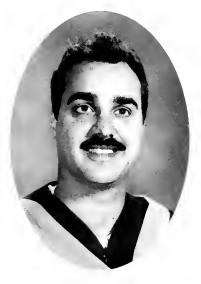
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Bibi Kassim

A SHORT BUT ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE By Bibi Salima Kassim The Class Of 1995

At last, a college that recognizes professional accomplishments and training. Saint Joseph's accepted my credits in Registered General Nurse training studies, obtained in the United Kingdom. This made it possible for me to pursue studies in my chosen field of Health Administration.

I entered St. Joseph's in 1993, and I am now ready to graduate. During my time here I have found the instructors to be patient and totally committed to teaching professional and liberal arts course content. Statistics was almost fun. I kid you not, phobias of figures gradually vanished.

My first day in class met with a sigh of relief. I found that General Studies Students, like myself, were mature professionals seeking higher education. This was important to me because it had been nearly fifteen years since my last exposure to a formal school setting. Knowing that my fellow students were aspiring to similar goals and were balancing family responsibilities and professional commitments made relating easy.

Indeed, my time at St. Joseph's has been somewhat short, but a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

A GRADUATION FAREWELL By Robert S. Hyman The Class of 1995

Graduation has finally arrived. The goal for which we have strived and sacrificed has reached its culmination, which leaves me with heartfelt, feelings and memories.

We return to school for a multitude of reasons. In my case, it was to satisfy future career mandates which I may encounter. But my attendance at St. Joseph's, only after a short time, planted new seeds of initiative that subsequently flourished into a learning experience beyond my expectations. The constant support and innovative approach to education exhibited by St. Joseph's professors and support staff was always evident. For myself, this environment lit a spark, which initially started with little fuel, but soon grew to burn brightly as the learning experience progressed.

St. Joseph's will be missed but not forgotten.



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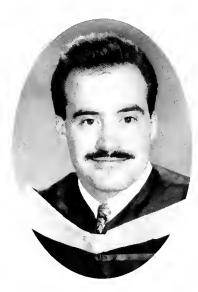
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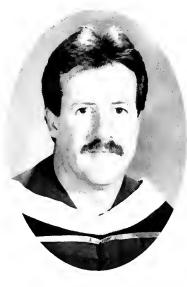
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A Note of Thanks

Four-and-one-half years ago, I walked through the doors of 265 Clinton Avenue, with ambivalent feelings not sure of the direction in which I was going, but sure of one thing: I had made a conscious decision to return to the world of academia.

Upon entering, I met caring and wonderful people, all eagerly awaiting to guide me

in my quest to accomplish my goal.

It would be remiss of me if I left St. Joseph's without giving a special note of recognition to the following:

Susan Trappier	Thank your for your gracious presence and being there that first day.
Dr. Robinson	From behind, you stepped forward and said, "We will help you make it through" (and you did.)
Sadie McMillian	Your patience; I know I bugged you a lot.
Linda Fonte	For guiding me through my course selections.
Sister Carole	For your wit and for coming to the rescue at book time.
Hugh Snow	Rough, tough, but it has been a pleasure and an educational high.
Dr. Gasper	What can I say! You always stated, "don't stop at a bachelors; go further" and I shall.

Shirley Grooms My big sister (even though I am the larger of the two). Thank you for your unselfishness; you are truly a very loving, caring individual.

To all of my teachers and everyone who made St. Joseph's a reality for so many adults like myself: I thank you profusely.

To my classmates over the years, I wish you well; I hope our paths will cross again

someday soon.

Finally, to the graduating Class of 1995: Congratulations! We have completed that first step; now let's take that second step.

> Love. La Vern Reid The Class of 1995

Congratulations!

To the sweetest graduate in the whole wide world. May God bless you now and forever more.

Love, Your family in S.C. Uncle Rennell, Aunt Pearl, Sheryle & Shawnell Congratulations Phyllis N. Miller,

You did it! Upon this achievement we would like to say Best Wishes - you have made us very proud!

May God continue to bless and guide you in all your future endeavors.

Love, Your daughter Jahmel and Former classmate and friend Larry Martin

Congratulations to the class of 1995

Especially Shirley Grooms

Jean G. Leon RN. M.P.A. Interim Exec. Director Kings County Hospital Center "My Idols"

Yvonne Greatheart Gloria Gasper Cliff Braithwaite Tony Summers Gloria White Harris

Thanks Much, Shirley Grooms

Congratulations Angela

From your family at St. Joseph's

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YOUR COUSIN

JOHN ATCHISON

To all Graduates, Congratulations

I wish to thank my wife (Alicia) and my parents for their support in achieving my goal.

Alex Lelie

Congratulations!

You knew you could. We knew you would.

Best wishes The Dyer Family, Vincent, Carolyn, Nicole & Vincent Jr.

Carmen,

The sky is the limit, continue to soar like the eagle. Congratulations and God's blessing from friends and family in Jamaica, New York and Cayman Islands.



Robert,

Que en ti siempre este el deseo de superarte y que tengas muchos triunfos en la vida. Tu madre Yris Vargas to: Robert Hernandez To My Wife

Lavern,

I Know it has not been easy. You continually amaze me, after twenty-eight years of marriage.

Your tenacity, able to juggle being a wife, mother, student and working full-time and giving so much of yourself to others.

Your son and I, are very proud of you.

Congratulations!

Your loving husband, Drue

Shirley Grooms

Congratulations on your achievement of a Bachelors of Science degree. I wish you success as you continue to pursue your dreams as you take on other challenges in higher education.

Booker T. Washington once said, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed."

Always remember, the secret of success is consistency of purpose.

Good luck and God bless.

Percy Allen, II

To my sister LaVern Reid:

One day you decided to take a walk around the corner; that walk took four and a half years. That walk has led you to attain one of your dreams. I am very proud of you for accomplishing that goal. I know that since you have started that walk it will not stop here. I wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors.

Sisters are forever Gwen

Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations from Greg Calliste and all of your friends at Kings County Hospital Center Ambulatory Services. Your Perseverance has inspired us all. Your wonderful example has challenged us to push a little harder in spite of our past successes. Thanks for the encouragement.

To Shirley W. Grooms:

This, as with everything else, when you decide you're going to do it, you not only succeed, you excel at it.

You had to do quite a juggling act to accomplish this one. But again, once decided ... it's as good as done.

Congratulations to my dear friend. Muriel E. Cherry

Laverne Reid,

Thanks for being there for me. You've really been a great friend. I wish you good luck and good fortune in any endeavor you choose to undertake, now and in the future.

You're the greatest!!!

Your Sister Graduate, Shirley Grooms Congratulations Laverne Reid

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

Dr. M.E. Robinson & Family

Shirley W. Grooms
Congratulations "Mom's Babe" on
receiving your Bachelor's Degree, an
honor that I know did not come easily.
My confidence in you, however,
constantly assured me that you were
equal to any challenge; and you've
proved it.

As you know, I've always been very proud of you, but this particular achievement makes me especially proud, for you have met and mastered a great personal goal. Keep up the good work "Mom's Babe", continue to follow your dreams, overcoming any obstacles that may get in the way.

All my love, MA Shirley Grooms — Sister and Aunt

Congratulations on your graduation and achievement!
We knew you would make it.

Beverly, Marvin, Ahmad and Allison

Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations on your achievements. I admire you.

Ida

Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations to our dearest friend. "Live the life you have always imagined." You have been a source of tremendous pride to all of us. We are very proud of you.

Cherry, Tracie and John

Tracie Morris
Musical Poetry from the
Black Underground
Performance Poet
Writer
Band Leader

To LaVern:

My little sister. The very best of luck.

Linda

To LaVern,

Congratulations on receiving your Bachelors of Science degree from St. Joseph's College. I know it took years of work and hard study. I love you and I am Extremely proud of you. My best wishes go out to you.

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Congratulations
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Congratulations!!
Good Luck!!

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Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations on your "latest" achievement.

Vernon & Lois Washington

Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations!
Best Wishes in all your endeavors.

Greg LoPrete

Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations on your achievement.

Love Ya. Lucy Koch

Shirley Grooms,

Your Knowledge makes dreams into reality.

Love, Ed

Shirley Grooms,

Congratulations on your Accomplishments.

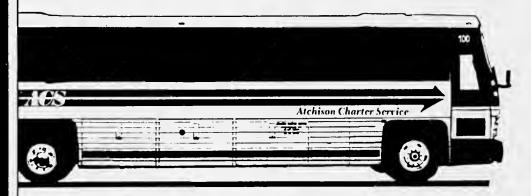
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Regrettably, I leave behind many new found friends, a dedicated, warm and truly caring community. The community to whom I refer include staff members, counselors and faculty of St. Joseph's College, all of whom are committed to excellence and are willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. Because of their unique approach, my educational experience here was made enjoyable.

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When I reflect on my valuable and enjoyable years while at St. Joseph's, I will always remember you who encouraged me when I felt defeated, challenged me when I began to question, and suggested options when I thought I no longer had any.

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